

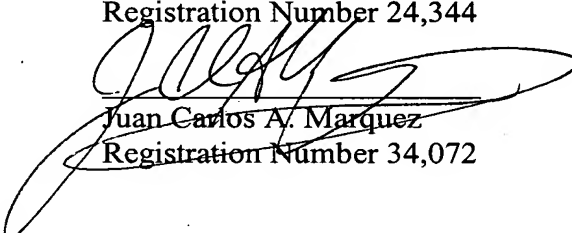
REMARKS

Applicants amended claims 1 and 6 to correct minor errors. The above amendment to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, wherein the issue fee has not yet been paid. Applicant hereby submits that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this amendment. In addition, Applicant will further submit that the amendment being presented herewith is directed only to correcting a minor typographical error and not to matter that would require substantive reconsideration of the application. In view of the above amendment and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due consideration to above-outlined amendment to the claim, to indicate the allowability of the amendment, and to proceed with the issuance of this allowed application.

Favorable consideration of the above amendment is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the issuance of the above-captioned allowed application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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